

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE MACON MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
JULY 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Macon Mosquito Abatement District was called to order by Susan Kretsinger on July 20, 2023, at the office of the Macon Mosquito Abatement District at 3755 Cundiff Road, Decatur, Illinois 62526. Trustees present were Marisa Hosier, Susan Kretsinger, and Greg Foley. Also present were Jason Probus and Attorney Ross J. Munsterman. Absent were Tom McQuiston and Lillian Baldwin. Susan Kretsinger presided over the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

During public comments, none.

The meeting was opened and a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Greg Foley, seconded by Marisa Hosier, and unanimously approved.

There was a motion made to approve the checks by Marisa Hosier, seconded by Greg Foley, and unanimously approved.

DURING OLD BUSINESS, none.

DURING NEW BUSINESS, Jason Probus reviewed the proposed budget ordinance with the Board (Ordinance No. 23-1). There was a motion made to approve Ordinance 23-1 by Greg Foley, seconded by Marisa Hosier, and unanimously approved.

Jason Probus discussed the asbestos remediation project in the outbuilding at the Bearsdale property. Jason obtained a quote from Triple A Asbestos to remove the asbestos from the building for \$16,180.00. Susan Kretsinger noted that in her experience, Triple A Asbestos is very competitive in its pricing. There was a motion to hire Triple A Asbestos to remediate the asbestos at the Bearsdale property for \$16,180.00 made by Susan Kretsinger, seconded by Marisa Hosier, and unanimously approved.

Jason Probus discussed the new septic system project at the Bearsdale property. Jason obtained two quotes from Septic Specialist, Inc.: 1) \$18,225.79 for the installation of the new septic system; and 2) \$8,793.45 for the excavation work associated with the septic installation. Jason plans to meet with attorney Edward F. Flynn and engineer Dana Mann on July 21st to discuss the next steps in the new septic system project. There was a motion to hire Septic Specialist, Inc. to perform the installation of the new septic system at the Bearsdale property for \$18,225.79 made by Greg Foley, seconded by Marisa Hosier, and unanimously approved. There was a motion to hire Septic Specialist, Inc. to perform the excavation work associated with the septic installation at the Bearsdale property for \$8,793.45 made by Greg Foley, seconded by Marisa Hosier, and unanimously approved.

Jason Probus tabled the agenda item “New Well at Bearsdale” pending further discussions with potential contractors. Jason noted that he has had difficulty retaining a contractor to perform the work due to concerns related to prevailing wages. Jason advised the Board that he would continue to work to locate a contractor and update the Board at a future meeting.

Jason Probus discussed two options for the design and construction of the new building at the Bearsdale property. Specifically, he presented estimates from Hark Architecture to construct the building for \$150 per square foot (\$1,200,000.00 total) and from FBI Buildings to construct the building for \$40 per square foot (\$280,000.00 total – not including interior finishes such as plumbing, electrical, concrete, etc.). Jason sought direction from the Board as to whether they wanted to proceed with drafting bid specifications for the new building with or without the services of an architect. There was a motion to authorize Jason to proceed with preparation of the bid specifications for the new building to be constructed at the Bearsdale property without the use of an architect

made by Marisa Hosier, seconded by Susan Kretsinger, and unanimously approved. Jason advised the Board that he would present them with the final draft of the bid specifications for approval prior to publication.

DURING DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS, Jason Probus advised the Board that 7 counties in Illinois had positive West Nile mosquito tests in the past week. The District has had 5 total positive tests out of 173 performed this year. Jason further informed the Board that seasonal field crews will begin to reduce in number starting in August.

DURING TRUSTEE COMMENTS, Marisa Hosier complimented Jason on the success of the District's tire drive.

DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, none.

Subsequently, a motion was made by Marisa Hosier, seconded by Greg Foley, and unanimously approved for adjournment.

Secretary